



# U.S. Representative

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Dear Friends:

As we move forward into the year 2002, there are a great many issues that face Congress in the second session of the 107th Congress—including the need to emphasize our economic, national and homeland security.

There is a strong and complete bipartisan consensus on the war on terrorism. Democrats and Republicans stand shoulder to shoulder with President Bush in fighting for all Americans and the values for which our nation stands. The war on terrorism will remain the nation's number one priority for 2002 because, despite the successes in Afghanistan, the war on terrorism must continue on many fronts. One of the key factors to defeating terrorism world-wide is to make our economy strong.

A healthy economy will result from the establishment of both short and long-term economic goals that promote growth and prosperity for all Americans now and for all Americans in the future. These goals should include the following essential actions: making investments in people by providing education, training, and small business support; focusing on the continuation of innovative research and development that will result in creating jobs and new industries; achieving energy independence that will result in a stable national energy policy; and making our schools, cities, streets, and neighborhoods safe. By enhancing growth, honoring our nation's obligations, and promoting fiscal responsibility, we will be paving the path for our nation to achieve economic stability, security, and prosperity.

In addition to dealing with issues that will help to stimulate our nation's economy, I will also push for comprehensive prescription drug benefits for senior citizens as part of Medicare, pension security for American workers, improved roadways and infrastructure, and a patients' bill of rights that will protect patients rather than HMOs.

As America continues to fight this war against terrorism and strives to rejuvenate our economy, it is important to me that I remain in contact with my constituents. That is why I am sending out this newsletter and would ask that if you have any questions related to the content of this newsletter or any other matter, you should not hesitate to contact one of my offices. The addresses, phone numbers, Email address, and website are listed on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve you, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Mike

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## HOMELAND SECURITY

Rep. Doyle speaks to a crowd of first-responders regarding the need for a coordinated approach among federal, state, and local governments as part of addressing our nation's Homeland Security needs. On February 4, 2002, Rep. Doyle welcomed President Bush to Pittsburgh to discuss the important work that UPMC Health System, the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University are doing in bioterrorism research. This research and development is essential in securing our nation against biological threats and attacks.

obtaining information from the Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding their entitlement to benefits. I am pleased to announce that this legislation was incorporated into the Veterans' Opportunity Act of 2001, H.R. 801, and signed into law on June 5, 2001.

**CLEANING UP ABANDONED MILL-SITES:** Many of the communities in the 18th Congressional District make up a region referred to as the "Rust Belt," where abandoned urban properties with environmental contamination, otherwise known as brownfields, hamper redevelopment efforts. While brownfields initiatives have always been a high priority for me, I am now able to play a more crucial role in the implementation of brownfields legislation as a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. For example, just this past year, the Committee pursued more brownfields funding through the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, H.R. 2869. This legislation will strengthen efforts to reclaim hundreds of thousands of contaminated and abandoned industrial sites by increasing the annual spending for the cleanup program from \$92 million to \$200 million. H.R. 2869, which passed the House and Senate in December 2001 and was signed into law on January 11, 2002, will help ensure that more of the brownfields in the Pittsburgh area are cleaned-up and returned to the tax rolls which offers hope for a cleaner environment, new jobs, a stronger tax base, and economic vitality.

**PENSION SECURITY:** I have always been a strong believer in a three prong retirement system: Social Security, employer's pension, and personal savings and investments. To ensure and secure the employer's pension aspect of your retirement, I became a cosponsor of the Retirement Security Act, H.R. 1590. This legislation would increase and strengthen pension coverage, ensure security and portability, and make necessary changes to guarantee that the private pension system treats female employees equitably. As the Enron fiasco has shown us, it is imperative that Congress aggressively address this issue to better ensure pension security for the future.

**EDUCATING OUR YOUTH:** Improving the quality of our education systems continues to be a high priority for me because I believe strongly that providing children with the proper tools to succeed through education is essential. In an effort to assist our public schools in educating our youth, I voted for H.R. 1, The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. This bill, which passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the President on January 8, 2002, increases federal funding to schools for additional teacher training and safe school and reading programs; holds schools accountable for student performance; and allows schools greater flexibility with how federal funds are spent.

**OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES:** At the beginning of 2001, I introduced the Surviving Spouses and Dependents Outreach and Veterans' Case-work Improvement Act, H.R. 336, in response to a problem some constituents were facing in



*Rep. Doyle speaks to a parent of an autistic child after the Coalition for Autism Research and Education's (C.A.R.E.) first official briefing on April 27, 2001. Rep. Doyle is the co-founder of*

*C.A.R.E., the first Congressional Members Organization to address issues surrounding autism and provide a forum for researchers, advocacy leaders, and parents to be heard by Congress about the need for more advanced and dedicated research.*



### **18th Congressional High School Art Competition: "An Artistic Discovery"**



*Rep. Doyle congratulates Brandon Barchfeld, from Thomas Jefferson High School in Pleasant Hills for winning first prize in the 2001 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition: An Artistic Discovery.*

This year will be the 8th consecutive year that I will be holding the 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition: an Artistic Discovery.

Each year I invite all the schools located within my district to submit up to six entries for

the competition. Once all of the art is collected, a panel of local artists judge the entries. The winners are announced at an exhibit in the spring where parents, students and teachers gather to view all of the displayed artwork.

The Congressional Art Competition, which was started in 1982, is sponsored nationally by the U.S. House of Representatives. A national exhibit is held in Washington, D.C. in which winners from districts across the country are invited to attend.

If you know a student in high school who is artistically talented, please get more information about how they can participate in this year's competition by calling one of my district offices.

### **The Congressional Award**

The Congressional Award was created to recognize and honor our nation's young people for positive, character forming experiences in volunteer services, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration and expedition.

It is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans between the ages of 14 to 23. Participants can earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award medals.

I am a strong supporter of this program because it encourages young people to get more involved with their community as well as enables them to learn more about themselves. The commitment these young individuals demonstrate serves as an inspiration to people of all ages and illustrates the accomplishments that come with hard work and determination.

The Congressional Award is open to everyone. The program has no minimum grade point average requirements, and it accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities.

To learn more about the Congressional Award, please contact one of my offices for additional information. The phone numbers and addresses are listed on the back of this newsletter.



*Rep. Doyle presents Lindsay Leach, from West Mifflin the Congressional Award Silver Medal.*

**For More Student-Related Information,  
 visit my website at  
<http://www.house.gov/doyle/students.html>**



# NEWS FROM THE 18TH DISTRICT



On December 10, 2001, I spoke before a crowd of steelworkers at the Edgar Thompson Plant of U.S. Steel's Mon Valley Works about the unfair trading and dumping of imported steel into the American market. As a Member of the Congressional Steel Caucus, it has been a priority of mine to call attention to the steel dumping crisis and the immediate need for a Section 201 Investigation by the International Trade Commission (ITC).

I testified before the ITC in September 2001. On October 22, 2001, the ITC released their findings that American steel producers have been seriously injured by the flood of low-priced foreign imports that have entered the country in recent years. Now it is up to the President to decide how to provide relief, and I will continue to urge him to put measures in place to stop any further damage from being done to the nation's steel industry.

## **Plaque Presented to Local Veteran For Service in WWII**

On Veteran's Day, November 12, 2001, I presented a plaque issued by the United States Postal Service to Jack Foley, a local veteran from Penn Hills. Mr. Foley received this plaque in honor of his service during World War II, as a member of Easy Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne.



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